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THE GARDEN CALENDAR

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A radio talk by Mr. W. R. Beattie, Bureau of Plant Industry, delivered through WRC and 32 other stations associated with the National Broadcasting Station, February 4, 1930.

THE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE STANDARD CONTAINER ACT 1928.

My first item on the garden calendar today is of considerable importance to growers of fruits and vegetables for the market.

The penalty provisions of the Standard Container Act of 1928 became effective November 1, 1929. This law fixes the standard sizes of hampers, round stave baskets and splint baskets for fruits and vegetables, and covers all of the various straight side or tub baskets and the many different styles of splint or market baskets.

Growers may protect themselves under this law in two ways: first, by purchasing packages only from those manufacturers whose specifications have been approved; and, second, by obtaining from the manufacturer or wholesaler a written guaranty to the effect that the packages are correct within the meaning of the Act.

Such guaranty, to be effective, should contain the name and address of the seller and the size and type of container. Growers are urged to protect themselves by following the foregoing suggestions.

DEMAND FOR BLACK WALNUTS INCREASING

Packers of black walnut kernels are having difficulty in securing a sufficient supply. The demand is mostly for the cracked nuts or the kernels picked from the shells, as it does not pay to ship the whole nuts long distances. The nuts may be cracked in the home during spare time and the price paid for the kernels is at present 65 cents per pound in barrel lots and 60 cents a pound in smaller lots. The price, however, varies considerably according to the quality of the kernels. The principal markets for black walnut kernels are Baltimore, St. Louis, Chicago, and New York. If you have a supply of well cured, bright, black walnuts, it may pay you to crack them, pack the kernels carefully, and send them to market. You should, however, have your marketing arrangements made before you begin the work of cracking. The Department of Agriculture workers will be glad to supply the names of firms who handle black walnut kernels.

REVIEW OF FARMERS' BULLETIN NO. 750.

Roses stand at the head of the list of flowers in the minds of many people and I doubt if there is anything more attractive than a beautiful bed of outdoor roses in full bloom. Several years ago Mr. F. L. Mulford, Landscape Gardener of the Bureau of Plant Industry, wrote Farmers' Bulletin No. 750 on the subject of "Roses in the Home." A reprint of this bulletin has just come from the press and I would advise anyone who is interested in outdoor roses to secure a copy by writing to the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., or to the station through which you are listening. It is Farmers' Bulletin No. 750.

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REVIEW OF FARMERS' BULLETIN NO. 1208

Here is another bulletin from the pen of the same author, Mr. Mulford. This time it is about trees for town and city streets. It is Farmers' Bulletin No. 1208. This bulletin deals with the proper methods of planting and caring for street trees and gives illustrations and lists of trees that are suitable for planting along streets and roadways in different parts of the country. The title of it is "Trees for Town and City Streets," and the number is 1208.

BULLETINS

Here is a bulletin for the Town farmer. It is Farmers' Bulletin No. 1508 entitled "Poultry in Back Yards." I am a back-yard poultry keeper on a small scale myself and have enjoyed reading the 28 pages of practical information contained in this bulletin. It is Farmers' Bulletin No. 1508.

Those of you who are interested in game birds should by all means get copies of the twin bulletins I am now going to mention. Farmers' Bulletin 1612 on the Propagation of Aquatic Game Birds and Farmers' Bulletin 1613 entitled Propagation of Upland Game Birds. The propagation of both aquatic and upland game birds, including Mallard ducks, Canada geese, Swans, pheasants, quail, grouse, wild turkeys, etc., are all well covered in these two bulletins, also the legal requirements for the conduct of game farms. The propagation of game birds has now become an industry of considerable magnitude in the United States and we have some of the largest and most productive game farms in the world. The demand for game birds and their eggs for re-stocking game preserves is now very large. Farmers' Bulletins 1612 and 1613.

"Producing Family and Farm Supplies on the Cotton Farm," is the subject of Farmers' Bulletin 1015. It includes valuable information for the southern or cotton farmer on the home vegetable garden, the fruit garden, syrup and sugar, milk, butter, cheese, pork and pork products, poultry, eggs, etc. I wish every southern farm family had a copy of this bulletin and would read its 16 pages of useful information.

REVIEW OF TECHNICAL BULLETIN NO. 148.

Persons who are interested in the preservation of fresh fruits on a large scale for use in soda fountains will be interested in Department of Agriculture Technical Bulletin No. 148, which describes the frozen pack method of preserving berries in the Pacific Northwest. This industry has attained considerable importance in the berry growing regions of Washington and Oregon and the bulletin is of special interest to growers of that section, but others may be interested. It is Technical Bulletin No. 148.